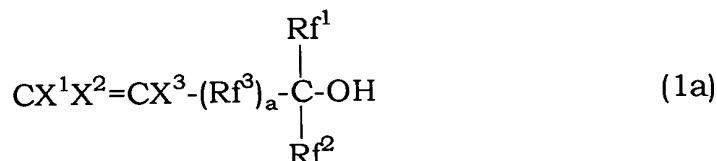


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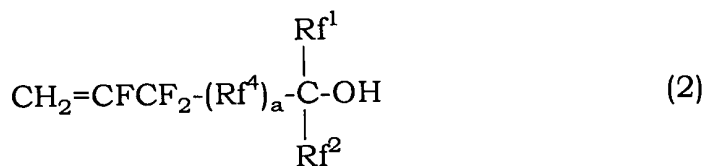
1. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (1a):

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10 wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H, F, Cl or CF_3 (at least one of X^1 , X^2 and X^3 is H and X^1 , X^2 and X^3 are not H at the same time); Rf^1 and Rf^2 are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^3 is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon
15 atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is 0 or 1.

2. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl
20 represented by the formula (2):

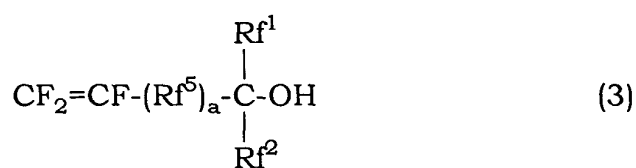


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wherein Rf^1 and Rf^2 are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^4 is a fluorine-containing alkylene

group having 1 to 39 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 99 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is 0 or 1.

- 5 3. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (3):

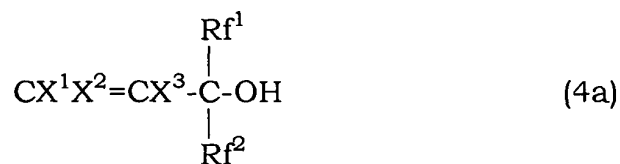


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wherein Rf^1 and Rf^2 are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^5 is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is 0 or 1.

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4. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (4a):



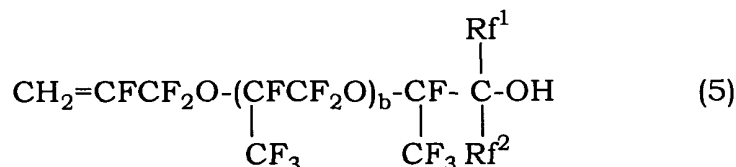
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25 wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H, F, Cl or CF_3 (at least one of X^1 , X^2 and X^3 is H and X^1 , X^2 and X^3 are not H at the same time); Rf^1 and Rf^2 are the same or different and each is a

perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

5. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (5):

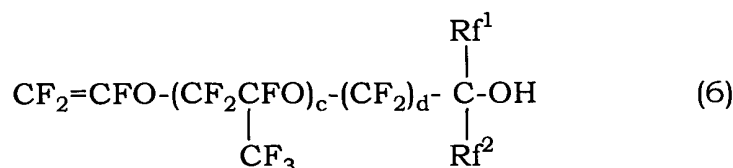
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10 wherein Rf¹ and Rf² are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; b is an integer of from 1 to 13.

6. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (6):

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20 wherein Rf¹ and Rf² are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; c is an integer of from 1 to 13; d is an integer of from 1 to 5.

7. A fluorine-containing polymer having a number average
25 molecular weight of from 500 to 1,000,000 represented by the formula (7a):



wherein the structural unit M is a structural unit derived from the
fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl of Claim 1
5 which is represented by the formula (1a), the structural unit A is a
structural unit derived from monomer copolymerizable with the
structural unit M,
and the structural unit M and the structural unit A are contained in
amounts of from 0.1 to 100 % by mole and from 0 to 99.9 % by mole,
10 respectively.

8. A fluorine-containing polymer having a number average
molecular weight of from 500 to 1,000,000 represented by the formula
(7b):

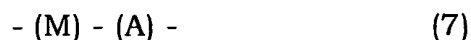
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wherein the structural unit M is a structural unit derived from the
fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl of Claim 3
20 which is represented by the formula (3), the structural unit A is a
structural unit derived from monomer copolymerizable with the
structural unit M,
and the structural unit M and the structural unit A are contained in
amounts of from 0.1 to 100 % by mole and from 0 to 99.9 % by mole,
25 respectively.

9. A fluorine-containing polymer having a number average

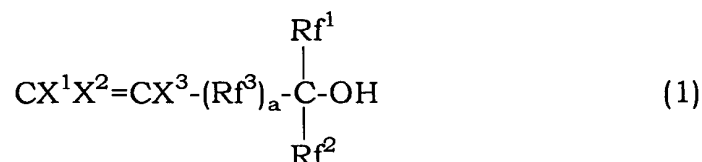
molecular weight of from 500 to 1,000,000 represented by the formula (7):



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wherein the structural unit M is a structural unit derived from a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having hydroxyl represented by the formula (1):

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wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H, F, Cl or CF_3 ; Rf^1 and Rf^2 are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^3 is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is 0 or 1, the structural unit A is a structural unit derived from a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer copolymerizable with the structural unit M except the monomer of the formula (1a), and the structural unit M and the structural unit A are contained in amounts of from 0.1 to 100 % by mole and from 0 to 99.9 % by mole, respectively.

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10. The fluorine-containing polymer of Claim 9, wherein the

structural unit A is at least one selected from fluorine-containing ethylenic monomers represented by the formula (8):

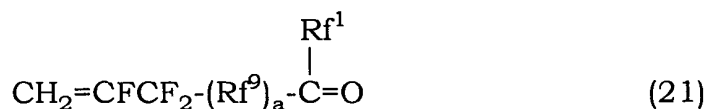


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wherein X^4 and X^5 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^6 is H, F or CF_3 ; X^7 is H, F, Cl or CF_3 ; at least one of X^4 , X^5 , X^6 and X^7 is F or CF_3 .

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11. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having fluoroalkyl carbonyl group represented by the formula (21):



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wherein Rf^1 is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^9 is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 39 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 99 carbon atoms; a is 0 or 1.

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12. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having fluoroalkyl carbonyl group represented by the formula (23):



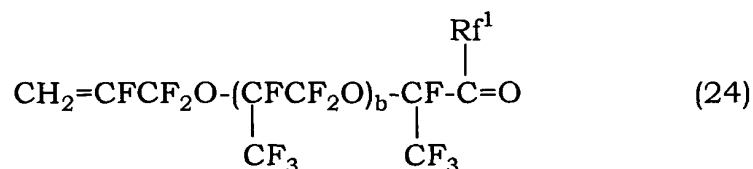
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wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H,

F, Cl or CF₃; Rf¹ is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

13. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having fluoroalkyl carbonyl group represented by the formula (24):

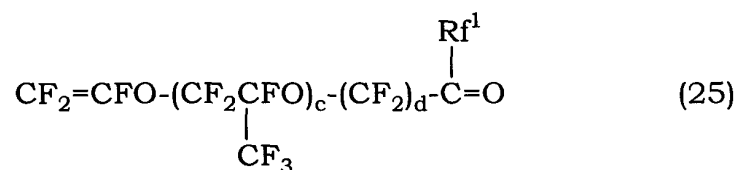
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10 wherein Rf¹ is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; b is an integer of from 1 to 13.

14. A fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having fluoroalkyl carbonyl group represented by the formula (25):

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20 wherein Rf¹ is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; c is an integer of from 1 to 13; d is an integer of from 1 to 5.

15. A photoresist composition which is a composition comprising:

25 (A) a fluorine-containing polymer having, as an essential component, a structural unit obtained by polymerizing a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group,

(B) a photoacid generator, and

(C) a solvent,

in which, when the carbon atom bonded to OH group of the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is named the first carbon atom, and a structure consisting of the first carbon atom up to the neighboring third or fourth carbon atom is assumed to be a model structure, the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group satisfies Equation 1:

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$$\Delta H = H(M-O^-) + 200 - H(M-OH) \leq 75 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

wherein $H(M-OH)$ is a produced enthalpy of the model structure, $H(M-O^-)$ is a produced enthalpy of the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer after dissociation of the OH group and a produced enthalpy of hydrogen ion is assumed to be a constant of 200 kJ/mol.

16. The photoresist composition of Claim 15, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group satisfies Equation 2:

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$$\Delta H = H(M-O^-) + 200 - H(M-OH) \leq 70 \quad (\text{Equation 2}).$$

17. A photoresist composition which is a composition comprising:

25 (A) a fluorine-containing polymer having, as an essential component, a structural unit obtained by polymerizing a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group,

(B) a photoacid generator, and

(C) a solvent,

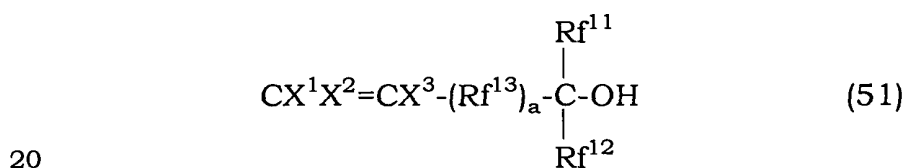
in which the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group has a structure represented by the formula (50):

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10 wherein Rf^{11} and Rf^{12} are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Z is fluorine atom or a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

15 18. The photoresist composition of Claim 15, in which the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (51):



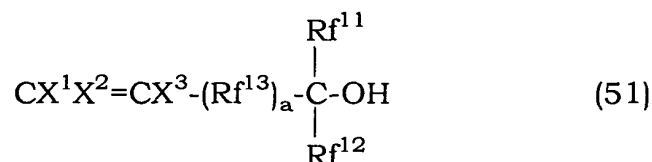
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wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H, F, Cl or CF_3 ; Rf^{11} and Rf^{12} are the same or different and each is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^{13} is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is

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0 or 1.

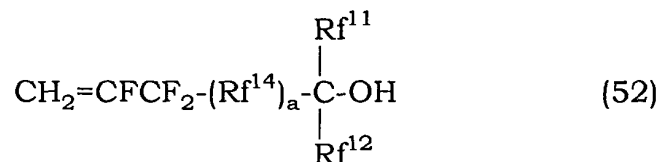
19. The photoresist composition of Claim 17, in which the
fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-
5 containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (51):



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wherein X^1 and X^2 are the same or different and each is H or F; X^3 is H,
F, Cl or CF_3 ; Rf^{11} and Rf^{12} are the same or different and each is a
perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; Rf^{13} is a fluorine-
containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-
15 containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon
atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more; a is
0 or 1.

20. The photoresist composition of Claim 15, wherein the
20 fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-
containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (52):



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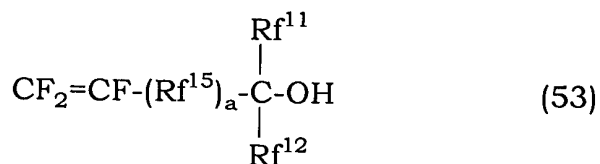
wherein Rf^{11} , Rf^{12} and a are as defined in the formula (51); Rf^{14} is a

fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 39 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 99 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more.

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21. The photoresist composition of Claim 15, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (53):

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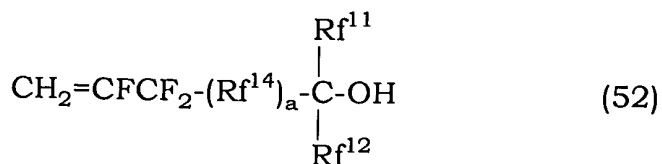


wherein Rf^{11} , Rf^{12} and a are as defined in the formula (51); Rf^{15} is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more.

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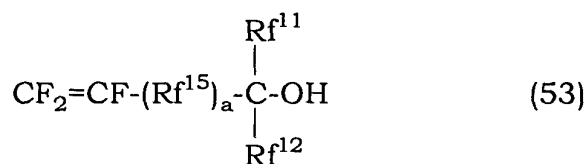
22. The photoresist composition of Claim 17, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (52):

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wherein Rf¹¹, Rf¹² and a are as defined in the formula (51); Rf¹⁴ is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 39 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 99 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more.

23. The photoresist composition of Claim 17, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group is a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer represented by the formula (53):



wherein Rf¹¹, Rf¹² and a are as defined in the formula (51); Rf¹⁵ is a fluorine-containing alkylene group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms or a fluorine-containing alkylene group having ether bond which has 1 to 100 carbon atoms and the sum of carbon atom and oxygen atom of two or more.

24. A photoresist composition which is a composition comprising:

(A) a fluorine-containing polymer having, as an essential component, a structural unit derived from a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having functional group comprising OH group and a protective group which protects the OH group and can change the functional group to the OH group through a reaction by an acid,

(B) a photoacid generator, and

(C) a solvent,

wherein the fluorine-containing polymer (A) is a fluorine-containing polymer obtained by polymerizing the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group of Claim 15, in which the monomer has functional group comprising said protective group protecting the OH group.

25. A photoresist composition which is a composition comprising:

(A) a fluorine-containing polymer having, as an essential component, a structural unit derived from a fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having functional group comprising OH group and a protective group which protects the OH group and can change the functional group to the OH group through a reaction by an acid,

(B) a photoacid generator, and

(C) a solvent,

wherein the fluorine-containing polymer (A) is a fluorine-containing polymer obtained by polymerizing the fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer having OH group of Claim 17, in which the monomer has functional group comprising said protective group protecting the OH group.